



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, August 6 2014
Council Chambers, Town Hall
MINUTES

Members Present: Sara Anderson (staff), Sarah Delia (staff), Cindy Guerreri, Katherine Johansen, Rita Kornblum, Brett Reynolds, Pat Schneider, Judy Stoughton, Jillene Woodmansee, Lisa Young, and Kelly Zimmerman.

Guests: Pat Michalak, Nicole Wallis.

Regrets: Jane Goldman, Jordana Frost, Mary Jane Newman, Susan Daley, Linda Williams

<i>WHAT</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	Sara Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of June 4, 2014 meeting.	<i>The June 4, 2014 Minutes were approved.</i>
TEAM MEETINGS	<p>Everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>Sara Anderson made some introductory remarks; she stressed three things that the Teams should focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can we work toward this year • What barriers will we need to overcome • How do we overcome those barriers <p>The teams met for 45 minutes then reported to the Collaborative.</p>	
TEAM UPDATES	<p>Staff Reports: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara reported that things are on track for Early Childhood Services. She has been Coordinator for the past three and a half weeks. <p>Community Connectedness: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They would like to update the Family Resource Guide and maintain it as an online resource. Barriers include the staff and time to update and maintain the document. • On Transportation, there is a lot of change in the works, the team will watch for opportunities in the future. • Playground – the site design is in the process of completion. The design will then go to the Town. 	

	<p>Health: Rita Kornblum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement 95210 program in elementary schools and Day Care Centers; barriers include inconsistent messages at home, and the need to increase the awareness of health benefits. Suggestions are to do a mailing to parents, a sticker for the car, including school nurses and a teacher developing a play about 95210. Celebrate Mansfield Activity Booth will have an interactive activity to give out bands for kids, possibly an Athletic figure from UConn, possibly using tickets for games as awards for participation. Mailing and poster to Medical practices about 95210 Definite need for more members of the Health Team to take notes and distribute them. <p>Successful Learners: Judy Stoughton/Lisa Young</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talked about where we go from here. K-Transition from 0-5, ties in with the Unmet Needs Survey 	<p><i>Sarah Delia will forward the minutes from the CAN sessions with Amy Seville-Nelson.</i></p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>MAC Chair Roles and Responsibilities: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara passed out a description that the Executive Council discussed at their last meeting. Emphasize leadership role. Review membership with the Coordinator. Co-Chair responsible for facilitating MAC and Executive Council meetings. Perceived barriers to finding a Chair of MAC include the term of office; change to two years instead of three years. Co-chairs are better than a single Chair. Possible connection with PTA/PTOs, asking a parent from each school to attend MAC meetings. <p>Graustein Grant Opportunity: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a onetime opportunity for a \$10,000 grant for infrastructure for Collaboratives. Options include data, parent engagement and communications. Accountability Manager- through the next fiscal year and will be in the budget next year. Membership Outreach- to recruit and maintain members, focusing on Parent Engagement. Communications Plan- including updated website, social media and press releases. Sara Anderson will explore the Accountability Manager and Communications. 	

Announcements	<p>Plus/Delta: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on concrete items • On time • Small groups helpful • More clearly defined spaces for teams to meet <p>Cindy Guerrerri reported that the Stone Soup meeting at Graustein will be on October 28 and will focus on Parent Engagement</p>	
PARKING LOT	1. Transportation	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.</p> <p>Next Executive Council Meeting, Monday, August 18, 2014, 9:00am – 10:30am, Conference Room B.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, Community Room, Community Center</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Sara Anderson at AndersonSD@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

"All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners, and their families are connected to the community."